

Preface

Národopis / ethnography and folkloristics / ethnology and cultural anthropology was among the first subjects that were taught at the Faculty of Philosophy in the year 1921, the year Comenius University was founded. Thus we commemorate two major anniversaries this year – 90 years since the establishment of the University, and the existence of a subject of study called narodopis, this being the very first university in Czechoslovakia where the subject was taught. This major anniversary is the reason for a special volume of international periodical *Etnologia Slovaca et Slavica*, under the editorship of the Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, since 1969. The bibliography of the 33 volumes of the periodical can be found on the website of the department. <http://fphil.uniba.sk/index.php?id=keka>

Not only do we want to contribute to the history of this discipline at the Comenius University in Bratislava with this volume, we would also like to introduce significant scholars to a wider academic public, scholars who helped create the discipline during the course of nine decades, starting with professor Karel Chotek and his “Seminary of general ethnography” right after the establishment of the University. Published contributions focus on the history of the discipline and the department with the emphasis on the education of scholars in ethnology and cultural anthropology in the Bc. and M.A. levels, as well as a Bc. level in the discipline of museology, since 1996. The volume also gives an overview of the scientific, research and publishing activities of the departmental academic staff. There is a list of the staff in the section dedicated to the history of the department. The scholars who worked at the department long-term have more comprehensive personal and professional profiles. The biography entries were taken from the available resources and from the data stored in the archives of the Faculty of Philosophy. Personal memories of the professors and heads of the department since its establishment, are a part of the volume as well. Another documented area is the international cooperation with the European universities represented by the international student *Seminarium Ethnologicum* with the tradition of 7 years, founded by the department. The former participants of the seminar from the universities in Cracow, Szeged, Ljubljana and Brno share their memories in various parts of the volume. A list of current academic members of the departmental staff offers their areas of expertise and the overview and structure of available courses is also included. A Catalogue of works contains a list of the most important publications, annuals and other works of synthesizing nature written by the scholars of the department. Their detailed bibliography is available in the Database of

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concludes with the bibliography of M.A. and PhD. theses registered and deposited
at the Library of Faculty of Philosophy (Comenius University) in Bratislava.

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